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Senate Bill 594 Receives First-Round Approval

Bill Would Allow Certain Adoptees Access to Important Records

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Rita Heard Days, D-St. Louis, is proud to announce that adult adoptees are now one step closer to getting access to their adoption records.

Senate Bill 594 received first-round approval by the Missouri Senate today. A final vote by the Senate would send the measure to the House of Representatives for similar consideration.

Right now, adoptees born in Missouri must go through the court system or request their birth mother in order to receive original copies of their official birth certificate. This bill, among other provisions, would allow people adopted after August 28, 2010, access to their birth certificate, upon a birth parent's request, once they turn 18 years old.

"We must protect those who do not have access to some of the most important documents of their lives," Sen. Days said. "Every citizen has a right to know their full medical history and I am proud to finally see this bill make its way through Senate."

To see available summaries and the full text for Senate Bill 594, visit Sen. Days' official website at www.senate.mo.gov/days and click on her sponsored bills link.

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